contains names which have been found to be fake as well as of traders.

(b) Sheet cuttings are being sold by M/s. TISCO through auction and not specially to actual consumers. This is not an offence under the extent provisions of the statute.

Suspension of productive activities of Haldia fertiliser plant

763. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have ordered for suspension of all productive activities in Rs. 500 crores fertilizer complex at Haldia eight months ago;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor in view of the perennial shortage of fertilisers in the country; and

(c) the details of the gains achieved as a result of the above order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to (c) Haldia Fertilizer Project is still a project and has not started commercial production. As there were frequent equipment problems during the commissioning of the plant, Government decided, in October, 1986, to stop the commissioning activities. It was also decided to undertake an end-to-end survey of the project for which consultants are being engaged.

Distribution of Steel

764. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any law to govern the distribution of iron and steel in and outside the country;

(b) if so, what are details thereof;

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in negative, whether Government propose to introduce a Bill in the current Session of Parliament to regulate distribution of iron and steel, in view of wide spread corruption by manufacturers; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Provisions exist to regulate the distribution, possession and use of iron and steel inside the country under the Iron and Steel (Control) Order, 1956 notified under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. These provisions enable the Government to give necessary directives to the producers of iron and steel with a view to securing proper distribution; proper utilisation of iron and steel by the consumer is also enforceable under these provisions. Export of iron and steel from the country is governed by the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947, and Exports (Control) Order, 1977 notified thereunder.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Supply of T-1 Sheets to actual users by TISCO

765. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tata Iron and Steel Co. is not supplying T-1 sheet cuttings to actual users i.e. bucket manufacturers; and

(b) if so, whether it is an offence as per law of the land?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. However, they are sel-

ling it by auction where actual users can also participate.

(b) No, Sir.

Recommendations of the High Powered Committee on Haldia Fertilizer Plant

766. DR. R. K. PODAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the High Powered Committee which had surveyed the Haldia fertilizer plant to find out the future course of action for it; and

(b) whether Government have accepted the above recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Government has not appointed any High Powered Committee to recommend the future course of action for the Haldia Fertilizer Project. However, an end-to-end survey of the plant is to be undertaken, for which consultants are being appointed.

(b) Does not arise.

Natural Calamity in Jammu and Kashmir

767. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the heavy rains and floods have devastated houses and shops and damaged crops in Jammu and Kashmir during the month of June this year;

(b) whether the State Government has sent detailed report about the devastation caused by the natural calamity and the centre sent a team to make the assessment of this damage;

(c) how much immovable property has been damaged and crop damaged in Jammu and Kashmir, separately in two regions; and

(d) how much relief has been demanded by the State Government and the extent of amount sanctioned by the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government submitted a memorandum on 24-6-1987. A Central Team visited the State from 26th July, 1987 to make an assessment of the damage caused.

(c) The reported damages to immovable property and crops are as under:—

(Rs in crores)

	Jammu Division	Kashmir division
(i) Damage to immovable property :	1.82	22.21
(ii) Value of crop loss:	66·72	9.53

(d) The State Government has sought Rs. 100.30 crores as Central assistance to meet the expenditure on relief measures. Central assistance will be approved on receipt of the report of the Central Team.

Irrigation by Narmada Project

768. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total acreage going to be irrigated by the Narmada Project;

(b) what will be the proportionate per acre capital cost for irrigation in Narmada Project; and

(c) whether Government are considering faster tempo for the construction of entire Narmada Project thereby curtailing the time period for completion of the project in view of its national importance?